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Russians Are Assuming Initiative

TUNISIAN CLASH IS IMMINENT

Tripolitania is Also Being Entered By British and Americans

FORGING AHEAD

LONDON, Nov. 19—**One hundred and fifty thousand Anglo-American troops are still forging forward into Tunisia to engage the Axis forces. Jimmy Doolittle's bombers are active from the air against the enemy. The British Eighth Army, moving westward in Libya, was reported to have made contact today with the retreating rearguard of Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces south of Bengasi but details were lacking and it was not known whether it was the final stand of the Germans in Libya. Allied planes have bombed Bengasi again, docks and an airdrome being struck.**

LONDON, Nov. 19 (AP)— Allied paratroops have been floated down on Tunisia and its border and have made contact with the enemy to grab airports and other strategic objectives. Two determined Allied armies some eight hundred miles apart are driving toward each other across the lip of North Africa to eject Marshal Erwin Rommel and Axis forces from the continent. One of the forces is in Libya, the other in Tunisia.

Rommel himself is reported to be in Tunisia for a last chance attempt to stay the Allied advance and save some part of North Africa for the Axis.

British observers predict that a clash between Anglo - American forces coming from Algeria and Axis forces clustered around Bizerte and Tunis is imminent. The Allies are about 70 miles from Bizerte.

Allied froces are entering both Tunisia and Tripolitania, Americans and British troops having made entry at several points while Free French are coming up across the Sahara from Lake Tchad towards Tripoli under the British General Kenneth Anderson and outfitted with American and British equipment. Several thousand French colonial soldiers have also joined the Allies.

DIRECTOR RESIGNS

Elliott M. Little Throws Up Position in Charge of National Selective Service

SUCCESSOR NAMED

OTTAWA, Nov. 19 (CP)—**Labor Minister Mitchell announced today that Arthur MacNamara, associate deputy minister of labor, will take over immediate supervision of national selective service. He will retain his present title.**

OTTAWA, Nov. 19—It was officially announced last night that the resignation of Elliott M. Little as director of national selective service had been accepted by the Department of Labor.

Mr. Little, in a statement, charged that he had encountered friction and obstruction which had resulted in paralyzing the selective service organization. There had been no clear direction from the government to achieve the full effort required. He was being called upon to accept responsibility without the neccesary authority. Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, the minister of labor, had refused to support him and co-operate.

Mr. Mitchell, in a statement, said that the relations between himself and Mr. Little had always been most cordial and the resignation of Mr. Little had been "due to certain misconceptions."

ANCIENT GREEK

Genoa, Italy, was an important Greek port in the 4th Century B.C.

MOVING TO N. AFRICA

One Thousand German Planes With Troops Going South

ANKARA, Nov. 19 — Chancellor Adolf Hitler is reported to be moving one thousand planes and large numbers of troops from Russia to the Mediterranean area.

FUNCTIONS OUTLINED

What New Purchasing Commission in British Columbia Will Do Revealed

VICTORIA, Nov. 19 (CP)—The new independent purchasing commission for British Columbia, as announced by Premier John Hart, will direct the purchase of supplies for all government institutions. Police stores and accumulated supplies will be transferred to control of the commission. Price, Waterhouse & Co., chartered accountants, are appointed as consultants and advisers in connection with the suggested changes in the audit system.

FORTY DIE OF POISON

Tragedy After Eating Defective Eggs in Oregon Asylum

SALEM, Oregon, Nov. 19 (CP)—More than forty insane inmates of the Oregon State Hospital here are dead from unidentified poison and doctors are struggling to save the lives of more than four hundred men and women.

The poison, possibly contained in frozen eggs, struck swiftly and within an hour of the dinner last night at which the eggs were served, the first death occurred.

Eagle Mistakes Coat For Bird

Odd Incident Occurs in Hills Of Tennessee

CALDERWOOD, Tenn., Nov. 19 (CP) — Mountaineer game warden Mark Tipton lives way back in the East Tennessee hills. The other day, so he told a fellow game warden, he placed his coat on a rail fence in order to chase a bear out of his back yard to save his cow. And before he could return to the fence a giant eagle swooped down and skyrocketed away with his coat, thinking it was a chicken.

NORWAY TO GIBRALTAR

Axis Warships Being Transferred To Prey Upon Allied Shipping

LONDON, Nov. 19 — German warships which have been comparatively idle in the Norwegian area are being moved to Gibraltar to prey on Allied shipping in that region, thus hoping to adversely affect the campaign in North Africa.

CHRISTMAS TRAINS

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 19 (AP) — No special trains will be run for civilians of South Africa during the December and January holidays.

GOING UP FOR THEIR FIRST JUMP

Canadian paratroopers climb aboard a big transport at Fort Benning, Ga., on their way "upstairs" to try their first actual jump. Five are required before wings are awarded. Most of the group had never been up in an airplane before making their jumps. Even veterans admit phase pictured here is a shaky one.

Photos by Harry Rowed for Wartime Information Board.

LAVAL NOW IN CHARGE

Becomes Heir - Presumptive To Petain as Chief of State

VICHY, Nov. 19—Marshal Henri Phillipe Petain has made Pierre Laval his heir as Vichy chief of state. As a result Laval already assumes dictatorial powers and will announce laws by decree on his own responsibility. He has already dismissed the minister of navy and communications.

A new reign of terror may be anticipated in France as Laval will undoubtedly endeavour to swing to military co-operation with the Axis.

IS LAID AT REST

Final Sad Rites This Afternoon for H. F. Pullen, Publisher of Daily News

The funeral of the late Henry F. Pullen takes place this afternoon from the chapel of B.C. Undertakers at Grenville Court to Fairview Cemetery. Prince Rupert lays away a respected and prominent citizen. The Daily News office is closed this afternoon during the time of the final sad rites for its lamented chief.

Very Rev. James B. Gibson is officiating at funeral service both in chapel and at the graveside. The organist is Miss M. A. Way and the hymns are "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me."

The honorary pallbears are Dr. J. T. Mandy, J. G. Johns, R. L. McIntosh, John R. Mitchell, D. C. McRae and Norman A. Watt. Active pallbearers are Theo Collart, Thomas Fraser, D. J. Matheson, E. C. Wilding, W. M. Watts and R. E. Mortimer.

Numerous beautiful offerings have been sent

Surf Inlet Closes For the Duration

Situation is "Hopeful" and Treasury "In Good Condition"

The property of Surf Inlet Consolidated Gold Mines Ltd. has been closed for the duration, it is announced. The ore situation is "hopeful," and the treasury "in good condition," it was indicated.

IS THIS A RECORD?

LONDON, Nov. 19 (AP)—N.Z. V.C." in the Birmingham Evening Dispatch is submitted as the world record for the shortest headline of the war.

Turin Is Latest British Target

LONDON, Nov. 19 — The Royal Air Force made another raid on Northern Italy last night, this time bombing the important arsenal city of Turin with its engine, airplane and automobile works.

French Ports Suffer Bombs

United States Planes Visit Bases On French Coast Yesterday

LONDON, Nov. 19—LeFalice and Lorient were bombed yesterday by American planes, one of which is missing.

CLOSING ON BUNA

Eight Japanese Destroyers Appear —To Reinforce or Evacuate

MELBOURNE, Nov. 19 — Eight Japanese destroyers appeared yesterday outside Buna on New Guinea Island. Whether they are in connection with a move to reinforce the Japanese there or to evacuate does not appear certain.

Meantime the Australian and United States land forces are closing in on Buna which many military observers believe cannot hold out.

LAUNCH DESTROYERS

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 19 (AP)—Two destroyers for the Swedish navy were launched at Gothenburg, one a 1,040-ton "Sundsvall," the other, a 1,135-ton "Gothenburg." Sweden now has 27 destroyers.

THE TRAIL OF '42

Through bushland, across muskeg and rivers, a vital artery in North America's network of defence is feeding weapons and supplies to the north.

RATIONING OF BUTTER

No Immediate Signs of it in Canada—Cutting Milk Delivery Services

OTTAWA, Nov. 19—There is no sign of butter rationing in Canada, certainly not for six months and possibly not for three years, it is officially stated.

The system of six days a week milk deliveries may be extended from parts of the country which now have this service in effect to others.

RAIL CHIEF PAYS VISIT

W. R. Devenish in Prince Rupert—Interesting Guest With Him

On a general inspection visit to the company's local properties including the shipyard, W. R. Devenish, vice-president and general manager of the western region, Canadian National Railways, arrived in the city yesterday and is leaving this afternoon.

Mr. Devenish was met and accompanied to the city by George Glay, local superintendent.

H. B. Boreham, public representative for western Canada, is also in Mr. Devenish's party.

With Mr. Devenish is his personal friend, H. E. Sellars, president of the Federal Grain Co. of Winnipeg, director of the Imperial Bank and the Great West Life Assurance Co. He is also an honorary captain in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve. It is the first visit here of Mr. Sellars since the old plank road and stilt sidewalk days and he notices great changes and improvements in Prince Rupert.

Mr. Sellars was chairman of the Manitoba Victory Loan committee which raised seventy million dollars on an objective of fifty-three million dollars. He was intereested in the fine record Prince Rupert made in the Victory Loan campaign.

DRIVE BY JAPANESE

Indications Are That Enemy May Move Into Yunnan Province Of China

CHUNKKING, Nov. 19 (AP)— A Chinese Army spokesman said today that there were indications the Japanese were preparing to drive into Yunnan Province, southwest China, from French Indo-China.

STALEMATE IN SOVIET IS ENDING

Germans Making No Further Headway—May Drop Back For Winter

REDS ON OFFENSIVE

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (CP)—The German High Command declared today in a broadcast heard here that the resurgent Red Army has gone from defensive warfare to violent new attacks in the Caucasus, along the Don, south of Stalingrad and on Rybachi Peninsula at the northernmost end of the Russian-Finnish border. The broadcasts claimed that the attacks had been repulsed but suggested that they might be the prelude for a new winter drive by the Soviet Army.

MOSCOW, Nov. 19 (AP) — At the end of the first week of renewed thrusts into Stalingrad, the Germans up to yesterday had gained only a few yards in persistent and costly efforts to occupy the northern factory district for winter quarters. The Army newspaper Red Star said that the Nazis had been concentrating attack on a sector less than four hundred yards wide, trying vainly to break through to the Volga.

In the Caucasus the Germans have been held largely on the defensive during the last week.

Today the Russians were claimed to have taken the initiative both at Stalingrad and in the Caucasus, regaining some important points in various quarters.

Yesterday the Germans, still on the offensive up to that time, had sent another 3,000 men against the small sector in Stalingrad but these were set back with heavy losses.

The enemy was still endeavouring unsuccessfully to drive through Naichik and Mozdok areas towards the Grozny oil fields.

It was believed today that the Nazis might now fall back from Stalingrad and the Caucasus to set up in winter quarters on the Don River.

SHIPS AT GIBRALTAR

Vichy Has Report of Damaged Flotilla—U.S. Planes Over Portugal

VICHY, Nov. 19—A report issuing from Vichy and supposedly emanating from Spain said that fifty damaged British warships and merchantmen had arrived at Gibraltar.

From the same source came the report that a United States war plane had made a forced landing in Portugal and that the Portuguese government had protested to the United States at American planes flying over the territory of that neutral country.

WEYGAND MISSING

Has Not Been Seen For Six Days Since Visit With Petain

VICHY, Nov. 19—General Maxime Weygand has been missing since 10 p.m. last Friday when he vanished after visiting the residence of Marshal Henri Phillipe Petain.

ASKS YOUNGER WOMEN

LONDON, Nov. 19 (AP) — Younger women are needed on education, public health and housing committees, Mrs. G. Home Peel said in her presidential address at the annual meeting of the National Council of Women.